## **State of South Dakota**

## SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1999

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1048

Introduced by: The Committee on Commerce at the request of the Department of Commerce and Regulation

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish within the Board of Chiropractic Examiners a 2 disciplinary committee and an ethics committee and to increase and establish certain fees 3 regarding chiropractors. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: 5 Section 1. That § 36-5-11 be amended to read as follows: 6 36-5-11. The fee for the license shall be set in a rule promulgated by the Board of 7 Chiropractic Examiners pursuant to chapter 1-26 and may not exceed one hundred three hundred 8 fifty dollars. The fee shall be paid to the secretary-treasurer of the board when the application 9 is submitted. 10 Section 2. That § 36-5-14.1 be amended to read as follows: 11 36-5-14.1. Each person receiving a license under the provisions of this chapter shall procure 12 from the secretary-treasurer of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners on or before the fifteenth 13 day of February thirty-first day of December of each year, a renewal of license. Such The 14 renewal shall be issued by the secretary-treasurer upon payment of the fee to be fixed in a rule 15 promulgated by the board pursuant to chapter 1-26, not exceeding the sum of one hundred three

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hundred fifty dollars. The renewal license shall be in the form of a receipt acknowledging

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1 payment of the required fee and signed by the secretary-treasurer and shall be issued only to

persons certified by the South Dakota Chiropractors Association as members in good standing

3 as defined in § 36-5-18.

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Section 3. That § 36-5-19 be amended to read as follows:

36-5-19. The board of examiners may act as a peer review committee or may appoint other <del>licensed</del> chiropractors <u>licensed to practice in this state</u> to perform such function to maintain the professional standards of the board. No monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages may arise against any member of a duly appointed peer review committee comprised of chiropractors licensed to practice in this state, for any act or proceeding undertaken or performed within the scope of the functions of such committee formed to maintain the professional standards of the board of examiners as provided in rules promulgated by the board <del>pursuant to chapter 1-26,</del> if the committee member acts without malice, has made a reasonable effort to obtain the facts of the matter on which the member acts, and acts in reasonable belief that the action taken is warranted by the facts as known by the member after a reasonable effort to obtain facts. The provisions of this section do not affect the official immunity of an officer or employee of a public corporation. The contested case provisions of chapter 1-26 do not apply to activities of the peer review committee. All licensees shall, as a condition of licensure, fully cooperate with and promptly respond to inquiries and requests from the committee. The recommendations of the committee as to necessity for services of a licensee, and as to reasonableness of charges and procedures shall be reported to the person who requested the review and one member of the board of examiners as designated by the board. The peer review committee may, by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26, establish a fee, not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars, to defray the cost of the review.

Section 4. That chapter 36-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as

25 follows:

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The board of examiners may act as a disciplinary committee or may appoint other chiropractors licensed to practice in this state to perform such functions to maintain the professional standards of the board. The board shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 that are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. No monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages may arise against any member of a duly appointed disciplinary committee for any act or proceeding undertaken or performed within the scope of the functions of the committee, if the committee member acts without malice, has made a reasonable effort to obtain the facts of the matter on which the member acts, and acts in reasonable belief that the action taken is warranted by the facts as known by the member after a reasonable effort to obtain the facts. The provisions of this section do not affect the official immunity of an officer or employee of a public corporation.

Section 5. That chapter 36-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The board of examiners may act as an ethics committee or may appoint other chiropractors licensed to practice in this state to perform such functions to maintain the professional standards of the board. The board shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 that are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. No monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages may arise against any member of a duly appointed ethics committee for any act or proceeding undertaken or performed within the scope of the functions of the committee if the committee member acts without malice, has made a reasonable effort to obtain the facts of the matter on which the member acts, and acts in the reasonable belief that the action taken is warranted by the facts as known by the member after a reasonable effort to obtain the facts. The provisions of this section do not affect the official immunity of an officer or employee of a public corporation.